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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/2/2007

SPONSOR Irwin LAST UPDATED _____ HB 768

SHORT TITLE NM Tech Convicted Drug Dealer Database SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$616.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with SB 700.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 768 appropriates \$616,000 from the General Fund to the Regents of NM Tech for expenditure in FY 2008 to pay the Materials Research and Testing Center to develop a database on the location of convicted drug dealers and methamphetamine laboratories.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$616,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Bill 768 appropriates \$616,000 to NM Tech's Materials Research and Testing Center for the database. Senate Bill 700 appropriates the same amount to the "Materials Research and Testing Center" at NMSU. There is an Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center at NM Tech. A search of the NMSU web site for Materials Research and Testing Center directs the viewer to NM Tech.

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Representatives of NM Tech are not familiar with the concept and believe House Bill 768 is a mistake and the appropriation should go to NMSU, as Senate Bill 700 directs. New Mexico State University does not list this activity in any of the legislative priorities.

NEITHER BILL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNTIL THE CONFLICT IS RESOLVED.

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